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SUMMARY. ON DEC 10, SIXTH COMITE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS RESOLUTION A/C.6/31/L.10/REV.1 ON TAKING OF HOSTAGES. FOLLOWING CONSENSUS, USSR, IRAN, LIBYA, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, JAMAICA, EGYPT, IVORY COAST, MADAGASCAR AND SOMALIA GAVE EXPLANATION OF VOTE. ALL INDICATED SUPPORT FOR MEASURES AGAINST TAKING OF HOSTAGES AND EMPHASIZED THAT ANY CONVENTION ON THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES SHOULD NOT PREJUDICE THE RIGHT OF NLM'S TO FIGHT FOR THEIR FREEDOM FROM COLONIALISM, RACISM AND IMPERIALISM. END SUMMARY.

1. USSR STRESSED THAT THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES WAS ONLY ONE ASPECT OF GREATER PROBLEM OF TERRORISM. SAID THAT CONVENTION ON TAKING OF HOSTAGES WOULD BE USEFUL STEP BUT IT SHOULD NOT BE USED TO UNDERMINE EFFORTS TO NLM'S TO GAIN THEIR FREEDOM.

2. IRAN SAID CAUSES OF TAKING OF HOSTAGES MUST BE STUDIED. SAID POLITICAL MOTIVES FOR TAKING OF HOSTAGES MUST BE DISTINGUISHED FROM CRIMINAL MOTIVES. SAID THAT STATE TERRORISM IS ALSO A RELEVANT CONSIDERATION.

3. LIBYA, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, JAMAICA, EGYPT, IVORY COAST AND SOMALIA STRESSED THE NEED FOR COMITE ON TAKING OF HOSTAGES TO BEAR IN MIND THE PLIGHT OF NLM'S.

4. MADAGASCAR EMPHASIZED THAT THE CAUSES OF TERRORISM
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